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## Ides

I miss the ides monthly,  
giving them no thought,  
each morning its own portent.  
A bright light glares  
ominously above red wet eyes  
and cheeks in day-old shadow.  
Something peers out  
from darkness, followed  
me from a dream to lurks  
just behind me, waiting  
to leap out. No mind,  
I forget to pay attention  
and step right by  
into another mediocre day.

-Richard Dinges, Jr.  
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